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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Chamber Members Social | Annandale
Relay for Life | Buffalo
Upper Midwest Snowmobile Rally | Cokato

FEBRUARY

Mayor's State of the City Address | Albertville
Annandale Youth Fishing Contest
Quilt Show | Delano
Da Shiver Ice Fishing Tournament | Delano
Community Banquet | Delano
Winterfest | Monticello
Talent Show | Monticello
Valentines Day Beer & Wine Tasting | Monticello
Operation Valentine | Monticello
Firemen's Relief Dinner & Dance | Montrose
Fish Fry | Montrose
Heart & Health Fair | Montrose
RiverWorks Concert | Rockford

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Celebration | Maple Lake
Rotary Fish Fry | Monticello
Pancake Breakfast | Monticello
Women of Today Craft Sale | Monticello
Breakfast with the Bunny | Monticello
Lions Breakfast | Montrose
Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast | Montrose
The Last Supper | Montrose
Easter Egg Hunt | Otsego
Community Egg Hunt | Rockford

APRIL

Business Expo | Annandale
Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt | Annandale
Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast | Annandale
Cokato Historical Society Meeting
Delano Business Expo
Used Book Sale | Delano
Howard Lake & Waverly City Wide Garage Sales
Central MN Job Fair | Monticello

APRIL CONTD.

American Cancer Society Breakfast | Monticello
Spring Bird Tour | Monticello
Hotdish Supper & Craft Fair | Montrose
Build Your Own Omelet Breakfast | Montrose
City Wide Clean-Up Day | Waverly
City Wide Garage Sale Day | Waverly

MAY

Firefighter Combat Challenge | Albertville
All City Garage Sales | Annandale
Chili Cook-Off | Annandale
Heart of the Lakes Film Festival | Annandale
Friends of the Library | Annandale
Memorial Day Open House | Cokato
Health & Wellness Expo | Delano
Spring Open House | Delano
Clean-Up Day | Hanover
Family Fun Night | Monticello
Blessing of the Animals | Monticello
City Wide Garage Sales | Monticello
Montrose-Waverly Craft & Community Fair
Art Festival | Montrose
Women's Night Out | Montrose
Clean-Up Week | Otsego
Clean-Up Day | Rockford
Pancake Breakfast | Rockford
Crow River Fun Days | Rockford
Memorial Day Parade & Service | Rockford
Lions Pork Chop Dinner | Rockford
Craft & Community Fair | Waverly

JUNE

Albertville Friendly City Days
Buffalo Days
Buffalo PRCA Rodeo
City Wide Garage Sale | Clearwater
Clearwater Gathering Potluck
Pork Chop Dinner | Delano
Father's Day BBQ | Delano
Howard Lake Good Neighbor Days

Local Area Events

JUNE CONTD.

Wright County Wine & Beer Tasting | Monticello
Dad's Belgian Waffles Breakfast | Monticello
Walk N Roll | Monticello
Free Taco Dinner | Montrose
City Wide Garage Sales | Rockford

JULY

Small Towns & Downtowns Festival | Albertville
Albertville Idol Competition
4th of July Celebration | Annandale
Petals & Palates Garden Tour | Annandale
Fun Run | Annandale
Heart of the Lakes Triathlon | Annandale
Crazy Days | Buffalo
Delano 4th of July Celebration
Corvette Car Show | Delano
Maple Lake Music & Marketplace
All City Garage Sale | Maple Lake
Talent Show | Monticello
Family Fun Night & Car Show | Monticello
Art in the Park | Monticello
Taste of Monticello
Riverfest Days | Monticello
Motorcycle Run & Silent Auction | Montrose
Waverly Daze

AUGUST

Annandale Fiddlers Festival
Chamber Golf Tournament | Annandale
Crazy Days Sidewalk Sales | Annandale
Sidewalk Arts & Craft Festival | Buffalo
Cokato Corn Festival
State Amateur Baseball Tournament | Delano
Taste of Delano
City Wide Crazy Daze & Garage Sale | Delano
Pair-A-Dice Cruisers Car Show | Delano
Hanover Harvest Festival
Movie in the Park | Hanover
Wright County Fair | Howard Lake
MN Garlic Festival | Howard Lake

AUGUST CONTD.

Days of Old | Maple Lake
Pot O'Gold Golf Tournament | Maple Lake
Montrose Days
8K Run & 1K Fun Run | Montrose
River Days Festival | Rockford
St. Michael Daze & Knights Festival

SEPTEMBER

Taste of Buffalo
Fall Harvest Festival | Delano
Harvest Corn Maze | Otsego
Otsego Festival

OCTOBER

City Wide Trick or Treat | Annandale
Downtown Art Crawl | Annandale
Pink Street Party | Buffalo
Timberdash 5K Run, Walk & Kids' Run | Monticello
Business Expo | Monticello
Halloween Parade | Monticello
Halloween House Decorating Contest | Montrose
Rockford Historical Society Dinner

NOVEMBER

ACT Holiday Home Tour | Annandale
Art Expo & Craft Fair | Howard Lake
Women of Today Craft Sale | Monticello
Community Thanksgiving Dinner | Montrose

DECEMBER

Canadian Pacific's Holiday Train & Show | Annandale
Deck the Halls | Buffalo
Christmas in the Park | Buffalo
Home for the Holidays | Monticello
Chamber Banquet | Monticello
Breakfast with Santa | Montrose
Santa Claus Visits | Otsego
Christmas Tea | Rockford
Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit | Rockford
Holiday Train | Rockford

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Wright County History *(Buffalo, County Seat)*

Wright County was established in 1855 and named in honor of New York Statesman Silas Wright. Railroad development sparked community growth and Monticello was first selected as the county seat. In 1860 the population had reached 3,729 and early industry was led by agriculture and lumbering. Businesses, churches and schools were built and a variety of new settlers arrived to stake land claims. In 1868 the county seat was moved to Buffalo and by 1900 Wright County's population had reached 29,157. Continued transportation improvements allowed for growth and by 1990 its population had reached 68,710. Today Wright County is home to approximately 121,907 residents.



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Wright County Communities

CITIES:

ALBERTVILLE – pop. 6,360

ANNANDALE – pop. 3,100

BUFFALO (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 14,222

CLEARWATER – pop. 1,493

COKATO – pop. 2,711

DELANO – pop. 5,309

HANOVER – pop. 2,423

HOWARD LAKE – pop. 1,987

MAPLE LAKE – pop. 2,035

MONTICELLO – pop. 11,780

MONTROSE – pop. 2,789

OTSEGO – pop. 13,874

ROCKFORD – pop. 4,051

SOUTH HAVEN – pop. 195

ST. MICHAEL – pop. 15,278

WAVERLY – pop. 1,076

TOWNSHIPS:

ALBION – pop. 1,164

BUFFALO – pop. 1,868

CHATHAM – pop. 1,139

CLEARWATER – pop. 1,351

COKATO – pop. 1,281

CORINNA – pop. 2,353

FRANKLIN – pop. 2,612

FRENCH LAKE – pop. 1,131

MAPLE LAKE – pop. 2,085

MARYSVILLE – pop. 2,028

MIDDLEVILLE – pop. 1,010

MONTICELLO – pop. 3,411

ROCKFORD – pop. 3,301

SILVER CREEK – pop. 2,289

SOUTHSIDE – pop. 1,518

STOCKHOLM – pop. 961

VICTOR – pop. 1,081

WOODLAND – pop. 1,134

**Populations are approximate.*

ALBERTVILLE

Streets were platted by Joseph and Josephine Vetch in 1881 and the area was originally known as Hamburg. Development of the railroad attracted new residents and the area was recognized as St. Michael's Station. By 1902 its population had reached 190 and in 1919 the community was renamed Albertville in honor of settler Albert Zachman. Today Albertville is home to approximately 6,360 residents.

ANNANDALE

First known as Abbeyville, Annandale was settled in the 1880s. Streets were platted by James Pratt in 1886 and the community was renamed Annandale to avoid postal confusion with an existing Abbeyville. The post office was established in 1887 with William H. Towle serving as the area's first postmaster and in 1888 Annandale was incorporated. Today Annandale is home to approximately 3,100 residents.

Wright County Communities

BUFFALO (COUNTY SEAT)

Attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water, Buffalo was settled in 1866 by Augustus Prime. Streets were platted by Amasa Ackley, who also served as the area's first postmaster. The area grew slowly until it was selected as the county seat in 1868. As rail lines were built Buffalo continued to develop and the community was incorporated in 1887. Buffalo was popular for summer vacationers and its population doubled each summer. Fishing, ice harvesting and agriculture dominated early industry and the community has continued to grow. Today Buffalo is home to approximately 14,222 residents.

CLEARWATER

Clearwater was first settled in 1854 and named after the nearby lake and river. Streets were platted in 1855 and Simon Stevens served as the first postmaster the following year. As the railroad arrived Clearwater continued to develop and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Clearwater is home to approximately 1,493 residents.

COKATO

Cokato was settled by Josiah P. Mooers in 1856 and the community was first recognized as Mooers Prairie. Mooers Prairie was renamed Cokato, an Indian word for "at the middle," by Marvin R. Lewis in 1878 as the city was incorporated. By 1880 its population had reached 200 and construction of the railroad attracted a variety of new residents. Today Cokato is home to approximately 2,711 residents.

DELANO

First recognized as Crow River, Delano was platted in 1868. The community was renamed after Francis Roach Delano, an officer of the railroad, representative of legislature and Minnesota's first state prison warden. Delano was incorporated in 1876 and by 1884 the community boasted having a 4,000 square foot rollerskating pavilion. The first city hall was built in 1887 and the area has continued to progress. Today Delano is home to approximately 5,309 residents.

HANOVER

Hanover was founded by Jacob and William Vollbrecht in 1877 and named the community after their hometown of Hanover, Germany. A post office was established and a mill and dam were constructed along the Crow River which attracted new residents. Hanover was incorporated in 1891 and has continued to thrive. Today Hanover is home to approximately 2,423 residents.

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HOWARD LAKE

Howard Lake was first settled by Morgan V. Cochran in 1855. Cochran sold his land claim to Charles Goodsell who platted streets in 1869. The community was named in honor of John Howard, an English philanthropist. A post office was established in 1870 and the arrival of the railroad allowed for growth. Today Howard Lake is home to approximately 1,987 residents.

MAPLE LAKE

The present day site of Maple Lake was originally known as Geneva until 1858. Streets were platted in 1886 by James Madigan and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Agriculture and lumbering dominated early industry and in 1890 Maple Lake was incorporated. Martin O'Loughlin served as the first mayor and was instrumental in Maple Lake's early development. Today Maple Lake is home to approximately 2,035 residents.

MONTICELLO

Monticello, Italian for "little mountain," was settled in 1852 and first selected as the county seat until it was moved to Buffalo. The community was named by Thomas Creighton, one of the first landowners in the area. Streets were platted in 1854 and a post office was established the following year with D. B. Sutton serving as the area's first postmaster. Monticello was incorporated in 1856 and the community continued to develop as the railroad arrived. Today Monticello is home to approximately 11,780 residents.

MONTROSE

Montrose was platted by J.F. Miller, J.N. Haven and T.S. Gunn in 1878 and named by resident George M. Wright after a Scottish seaport. A post office was established and railroad construction allowed for dramatic growth. Montrose was incorporated in 1881 and its population had reached 200. A fire destroyed the business district in the 1930s, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Montrose is home to approximately 2,789 residents.

OTSEGO

Otsego began as a trading post in 1850 and was first known as Pleasant Grove Precinct. Streets were platted in 1857 and the community was renamed Otsego, an Indian word meaning "welcome water" or "meeting place." Otsego was incorporated in 1875 and early industry was dominated by agriculture and ferries were a popular sight along nearby Crow River. Today Otsego is home to approximately 13,874 residents.

Wright County Communities

ROCKFORD

Rockford was first settled in 1855 and the first post office was established the following year. The name Rockford was suggested by resident Cyrus C. Jenks as it was his hometown. Streets were platted in 1857 and early businesses included a flour mill, sawmill, woolen mill and ginseng farms. Rockford was incorporated in 1881 and grew steadily. Today Rockford is home to approximately 4,051 residents.

SOUTH HAVEN

South Haven was established as a railway village in 1887 and Adolph G. Lane served as the area's first postmaster that same year. Streets were platted in 1888 and its name was derived from nearby Southside and Fair Haven Townships. South Haven continued to develop and the community was incorporated in 1902. Today South Haven is home to approximately 195 residents.

ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael's Catholic Church was built along the Crow River in 1856 and the community was named in its honor, as it was one of the largest churches in Minnesota at the time. The first post office was established in 1858 and development of the railroad sparked growth. The community was incorporated in 1890 and grew dramatically as businesses and schools were constructed. Today St. Michael is home to approximately 15,278 residents.

WAVERLY

Waverly was founded in 1869 and its name was derived from Waverly, New York, where several early settlers originated from. As the railroad was constructed Waverly continued to grow and was incorporated in 1881. Notable resident Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey built a summer home along the local shores which he frequented until his death in 1978. Today Waverly is home to approximately 1,076 residents.

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Parks & Recreation

ALBRIGHT'S MILL COUNTY PARK

Located near the Crow River, Albright's Mill County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

BEEBE LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Located east of Buffalo, Beebe Lake Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, playground equipment and recreational trails. Located in St. Michael.

BILL ANDERSON MEMORIAL PARK

Located near the Crow River, the Bill Anderson Memorial Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

CLEARWATER/PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK

Located on 210 acres, Pleasant Regional Park features a fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, 12 hole disc golf course and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

COLLINWOOD REGIONAL PARK & CAMPGROUND

Located on 308 acres, Collinwood Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

CROW SPRINGS COUNTY PARK

Crow Springs County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Buffalo.

HASTY-SILVER CREEK SPORTSMEN'S PARK

Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Park features a public archery range with 10 practice targets and a picnic area. Located in Maple Lake.

HUMPHREY ARENDS COUNTY PARK

Humphrey Arends County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch, picnic area and a historic memorial. Located in Waverly.

LAKE MARIA STATE PARK

Located on 1,590 acres, Lake Maria State Park features a campground, cabins, fishing pier, canoe launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Monticello.

MARCUS ZUMBRUNNEN COUNTY PARK

Located south of I-94, Marcus Zumbrunnen County Park features a picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Buffalo.

MONTISSIPPI REGIONAL PARK

Located on 170 acres, Montissippi Regional Park features a fishing pier, boat launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in Monticello.

Parks & Recreation

MUD LAKE COUNTY PARK

Mud Lake County Park features a fishing pier, boat launch and a picnic area. Located in Cokato.

OSCAR & ANNA JOHNSON COUNTY PARK

Located near Dog Lake, Oscar and Anna Johnson County Park features a boat launch, swimming beach and a picnic area. Located in Howard Lake.

OTSEGO REGIONAL PARK

Located on 70 acres near the Mississippi River, Otsego Regional Park features a canoe launch, picnic area, sand volleyball court, play field, handicap accessible playground equipment, prairie restoration area and recreational trails. Located in Otsego.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK

Located on 17 acres, Riverside County Park features a canoe campground, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Hanover.

ROBERT NEY PARK RESERVE

Located on 735 acres near Lake Mary, the Robert Ney Memorial Park Reserve features a boat launch, picnic area, recreational trails, memorial chapel and the Wright County Parks Environmental Education Center. Located in Maple Lake.

SCHROEDER REGIONAL PARK & CAMPGROUND

Located near Cedar Lake, Schroeder Regional Park features a campground, fishing pier, boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, sand volleyball court, playground equipment and recreational trails. Located in Annandale.

STANLEY EDDY MEMORIAL PARK RESERVE

Located on 879 acres near Moose Lake, the Stanley Eddy Memorial Park Reserve features a boat launch, picnic area and recreational trails. Located in French Lake Township.

WILDLIFE COUNTY PARK

Wildlife County Park features a canoe campsite, canoe launch and a picnic area. Located in Cokato.

**For more information on parks throughout Wright County, call: (763) 682-7693.*

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(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/10 - 04/30/10
(Early Canada Goose) 09/04/10 - 09/22/10

CROW

03/01/10 - 03/31/10; 07/15/10 - 10/15/10

BEAR

09/01/10 - 10/17/10

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/10 - 10/30/10

SNIFE & RAIL

09/01/10 - 11/08/10

DEER

(Archery) 09/18/10 - 12/31/10
(Camp Ripley Archery) 10/21/10 - 10/22/10;
10/30/10 - 10/31/10
(Firearm Opener) 11/06/10
(Muzzleloader) 11/27/10 - 12/12/10

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/18/10 - 11/30/10

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/18/10 - 01/02/11

WOODCOCK

09/25/10 - 11/08/10

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 10/02/10 - 10/17/10

TURKEY

10/13/10 - 10/17/10; 10/20/10 - 10/24/10

PHEASANT

10/16/10 - 01/02/11

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/23/10 - 10/27/10

PRAIRIE & PINE MARTEN

(Opener) 11/27/10

BEAVER (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/24/09 - 05/15/10;
10/23/10 - 05/15/11
(South Zone) 10/31/09 - 05/15/10;
10/30/10 - 05/15/11

MINK & MUSKRAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

(North Zone) 10/24/09 - 02/28/10;
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(South Zone) 10/31/09 - 02/28/10;
10/30/10 - 02/28/11

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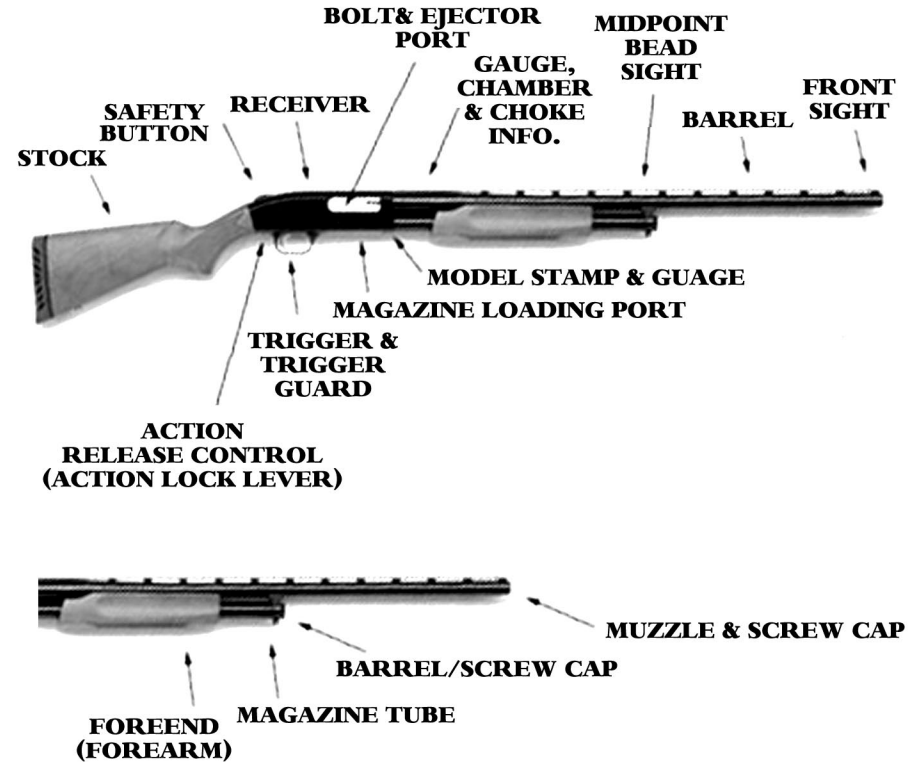
(North Zone) 10/23/10 - 01/09/11
(Southeast Zone) 10/30/10 - 01/09/11

BOBCAT (FURBEARER TRAPPING)

11/27/10 - 01/09/11

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Hunting Safety



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly in Minnesota, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/09 - 02/28/10; 05/01/10 - 02/27/11

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/09/09 - 02/28/10; 05/15/10 - 02/27/11

LARGEMOUTH BASS

05/23/09 - 02/28/10; 05/29/10 - 02/27/11

SMALLMOUTH BASS

05/23/09 - 02/28/10; 05/29/10 - 02/27/11

LAKE TROUT

(Lake Superior) 12/01/09 - 09/30/10

(Boundary Waters) 01/01/10 - 03/31/10

(Outside Boundary Waters) 01/15/10 - 03/31/10

05/15/10 - 09/30/10

STREAM TROUT

(Southeast Zone) 01/01/10 - 09/30/10

(All Zones) 01/15/10 - 03/31/10; 05/15/10 - 10/31/10

(All Zones Except Southeast Zone) 04/17/10 - 09/30/10

MUSKELLUNGE

06/5/10 - 12/01/10

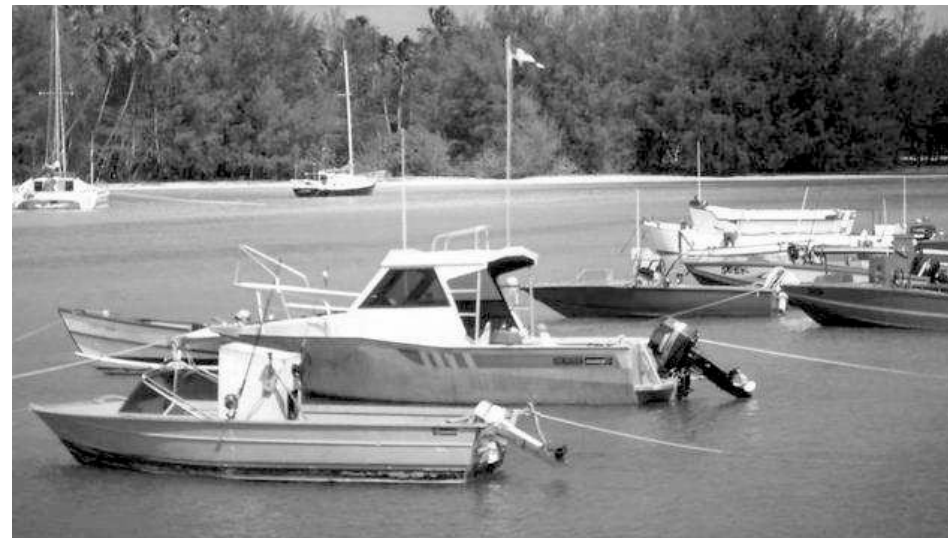
TAKE-A-KID FISHING WEEKEND

02/13/10 - 02/15/10; 06/11/10 - 06/13/10

TAKE-A-MOM FISHING WEEKEND

05/08/10 - 05/09/10

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Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.
- Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.
- Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.
- In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.
- Turn boat at slow rates of speed.
- Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.
- Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

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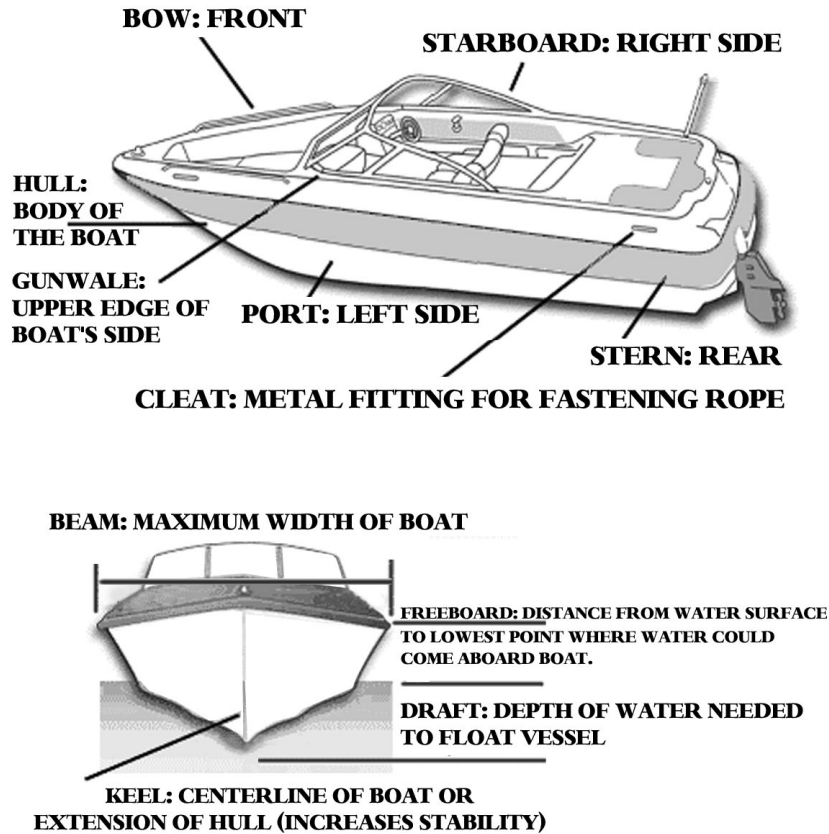
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Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



Who May Operate a Motorboat (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

For engines 25 horsepower or less:

Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

For engines over 75 horsepower:

No children under age 12 may operate, even with an adult on board.

Other restrictions apply to boat operators 12 to 17 years old:

Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower:

Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have:

A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older on board within reach of the controls.

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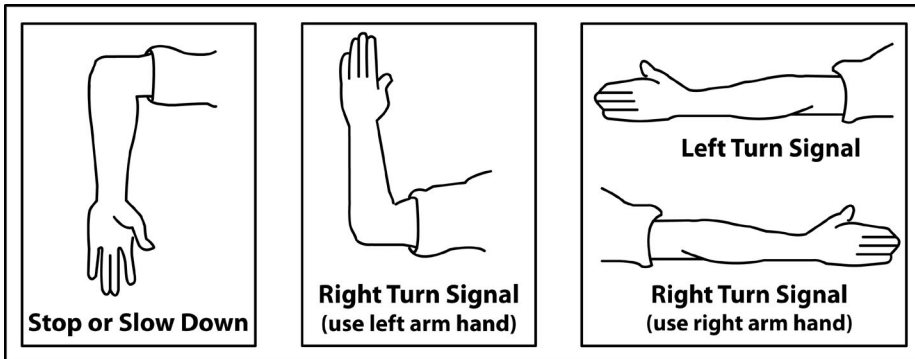
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Bicycle Safety

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



ATV Safety

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.



Snowmobile Safety

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

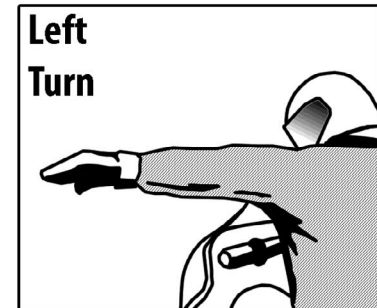
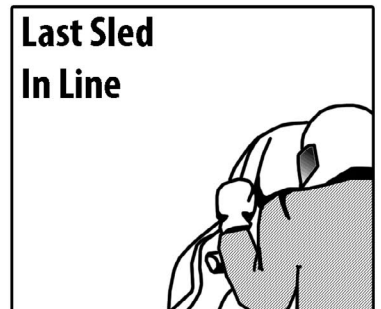
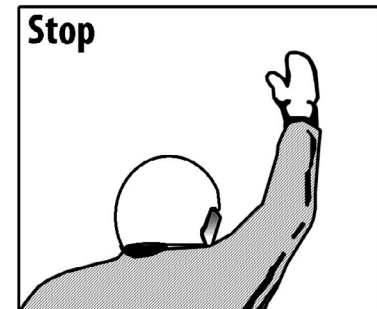
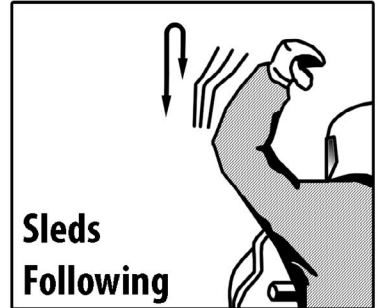
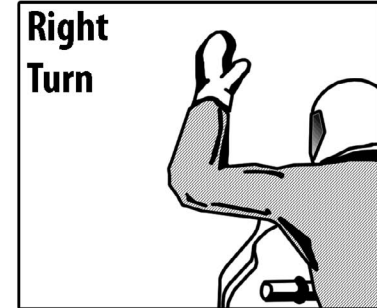
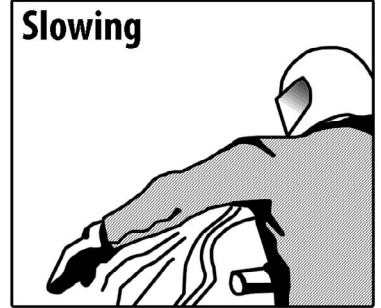
Common Trail Signs



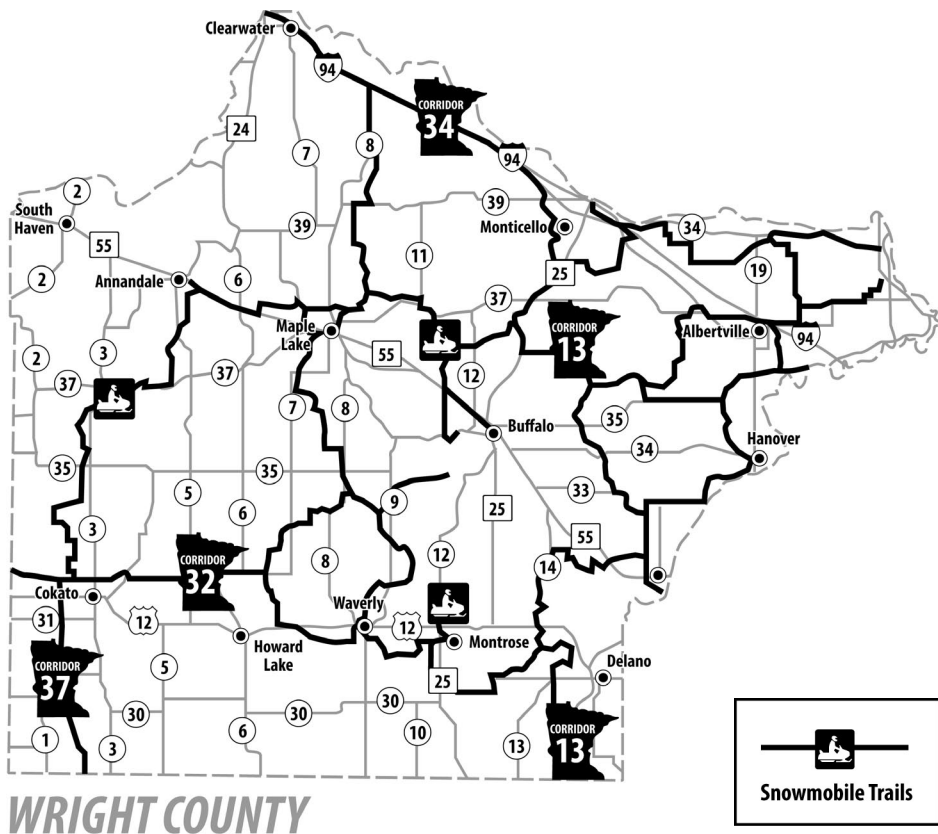
Snowmobile Safety

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



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⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- DIAL 911
- Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)
- Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)
- Begin CPR if the person is unconscious

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.

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